

letter to Blunkett

**Subject: Fwd: re blatant misuse of public money.****Date:** Fri, 19 Oct 2001 14:25:27 EDT**From:** CCodona@aol.com**To:** ustiben.2@ntlworld.com

HI Gratton this is the letter I have wrote to David Blunkett in protest at the misuse of public money Cliford.

**Subject: re blatant misuse of public money.****Date:** Fri, 19 Oct 2001 14:15:38 EDT**From:** CCodona@aol.com**To:** public.enquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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MR Blunkett sir,

I write to you regarding my concern at the blatant misuse of public money by the parish council of Northill in mid-Beds to help get rid of Gypsies, this I feel is wrong and an incitement to racial hatred by the council. I am a gypsy and I also live on the site in question called woodside park in Hatch, and know better than any that this is morally wrong of the council to act in this way, we the Gypsies of woodside park are part of Northill parish and as such the parish council are siding with our objectors to help get rid of us from the parish. I am concerned at the lack of equality on the parish councils part towards us the Gypsies, and the extremely volatile situation the council are creating with this action, with no thoughts of the Gypsy community and there needs and feelings being taken into consideration in all of this, and how it will help create barriers where there is already division.

I am concerned for our families as we already live in a day to day situation that is both stressful and worrying to us and our families, I am only too aware of the discrimination against Gypsies as it is without the parish council adding fuel to an already very hot and highly burning fire, and I feel enough is enough and something must be done to help elevate the situation and am therefore asking you to put a stop to this very worrying situation please.

Sir as you know where ever we the Gypsies go nobody wants us there as there neighbours, but we have to live somewhere do we not for we are part of the population and as human beings have a right to equal treatment by all, there is enough racial hatred in this Country without the parish council inciting more with there actions in this way. I am concerned for my Gypsy race and the unfair treatment in this way and feel a stop should be put to this type of action know and in the future so protecting the equal rights of us the Gypsies and our families, I feel outraged that the council should have acted in this way by putting public money into the pot of the Hatch action group like this.

I feel our right to equality has been breached by this action and in effect the Parish councils actions are nothing short of racial hatred, and as a Gypsy I find this extremely worrying, gypsies have to endure enough racial hatred as it is in life and fear the parish council will help to create more.

I am concerned that actions like this are able to go on in what is supposed to be an equal society for all and what is supposed to also include the Gypsy race but this kind of treatment by our parish council shows us that this is not so, this is the type of treatment the gypsies have had to endure for centuries especially the second World War, and for it to still be allowed to go on is a disgrace to this Country and its reputation as a fair and equal place for all?

MR Blunkett this is the 21st century and an end must be put to this kind of treatment of us the Gypsies and I am effectively asking that that is what you must do I hope you will treat this with the extremely urgent manner that it deserves and look forward to hearing from you with a positive reply and the ending of this terrible use of money thank you and respectfully yours

Clifford Codona (NTAG) founder of the National Travellers Action Group.

PS please find attached a cutting from the Biggleswade chronicle local newspaper dated 12/10/01,

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